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CHARITABLE CHATTER

The Office of Charitable Gaming Newsletter

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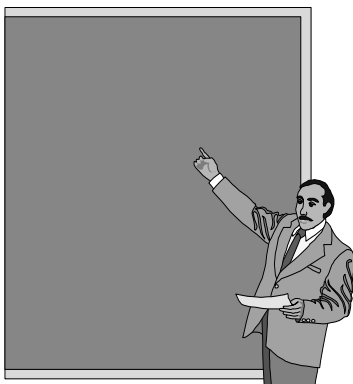
The Office is pleased to announce net receipts and the average retention percentage for licensees is at an all time high. Net Receipts for the 2003 fiscal calendar year were \$51,324,141.71, an increase of \$623,636.26 from 2002. The average retention for 2003 also increased to 56.29%, up from 55.55% from FCY 2002. These increases occurred while gross receipts decreased by \$20 million dollars. These statistics illustrate the importance of training and the fact licensees are providing better accountability and handling of their charitable gaming. Give yourself a pat on the back, **JOB WELL DONE!**

I would also like to inform you the Office of Charitable Gaming's 3rd Annual Gaming Conference is tentatively scheduled for November 4th-5th at the Holiday Inn-Louisville South on 2715 Fern Valley Road in Louisville, Kentucky. This year's conference agenda will be completely different from past conferences consisting of new training sessions which are sure to be both informative and helpful to all licensees. We will be providing information on our website as we get closer to finalizing details and the schedule of the conference. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



Thank you for your Patience!!!

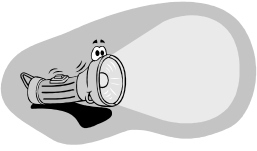
As many of you are aware, the Office has several Compliance Officer positions vacant at this time. This has spread the remaining work force very thin and regular gaming inspections have not been able to occur routinely as in the past. However, we are doing everything we can to prevent any hardships from occurring to your organization. If you need to speak with a compliance officer or need to have someone attend your gaming session for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-800-729-5672. We apologize for any inconvenience the vacant positions may cause.



TRAINING AVAILABLE!!!

Don't forget training is available the first Tuesday of every month at the Office in Frankfort, KY beginning at 9:30 a.m. in our conference room. Please call and let us know when you can attend!! Please call 502-573-5528 or 1-800-729-5672 to make those arrangements. We look forward to hearing from you!!!!

Remember to check out the Office of Charitable Gaming's web site at www.dcg.ppr.gov for updates and information regarding charitable gaming in Kentucky.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Administrative Assistant III

Becky Correll has been an employee with the Office of Charitable Gaming for the past 8 years. She began her career as an accountant and currently works for the Division of Enforcement and Commissioner's Office. Becky is originally from Monticello, Kentucky and now resides in Shelbyville with her husband Danny.



Administrative Assistant III

Martin Green has been an employee with the Office of Charitable Gaming's Licensing Branch since 1997 and an employee of state government for 13 years. Martin's job duties primarily involve working with non-profit organizations in Kentucky and licensing these charities in order for the organizations to raise funds to benefit their charitable purposes. The licensing branch also reviews applications for licensure for charitable gaming facilities in KY; manufacturers and distributors for charitable gaming supplies and equipment nationwide.

Martin is 36 years old and currently resides in Frankfort, Kentucky with his wife, Valerie of two years.



Leah Cooper, the Assistant Director of Licensing and Compliance, was a speaker at the Bingo World Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 10, 2004. This was the eighth year for the convention and the first time a Kentuckian participated as a guest speaker. Approximately 2,000 persons attended this convention from all over the world. The attendees were from individual charities, charitable associations, hall operators, distributors, and manufacturers. She participated one on a panel with regulators from Virginia and Alberta, Canada.

The Convention provided a valuable opportunity for the Office to keep abreast of the developments in the gaming community. Ms. Cooper made several contacts while attending the convention that have already proven to be very beneficial for the Office and charitable gaming in Kentucky. These contacts include testing laboratories, manufacturers, distributors, facilities, charitable organizations, regulators, and others in the industry, many of whom have agreed to speak at the Kentucky Charitable Gaming Conference, tentatively set for November of 2004. Some of the information gained from this convention included new games available, gaming session program design, security issues for the facility, facility amenities, protecting your organization from scams by the players and volunteers, and marketing.

Leah says the biggest benefit from attending the convention was being able to network with regulators from other states and nations regarding problems and solutions. They freely shared ideas and agreed to “steal” each others statutes and regulations where applicable. In fact, the head of the Charitable Gaming Commission in Virginia has already scheduled a meeting to come and meet with office staff.